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1. PREMIER LEVESQUE USED HIS WEEKLY NEWS CONFERENCE THURSDAY TO ATTACK, AS "PURE PROPAGANDA AND A COMPLETE DISTORTION," STATEMENTS BY ONTARIO TREASURER DAREY MCKEOUGH THAT ONTARIO HAS PAID MORE INTO FEDERAL TREASURY THAN IT HAS RECEIVED IN RETURN. LEVESQUE SAID THAT IT WAS CLEAR THAT THE MAJOR ECONOMIC ADVANTAGES OF CONFEDERATION HAD GONE TO ONTARIO AND THE WEST WHILE QUEBEC AND ATLANTIC PROVINCES WERE LEFT BEHIND. PREMIER ADDED ONTARIO'S "GREAT EFFORT" IN CONTRIBUTING TO EQUALIZATION PAYMENTS DID NOT RESULT FROM ONTARIO'S KINDNESS OF HEART, BUT FROM FEDERAL LAWS REQUIRING IT.

2. LEVESQUE REACTED ANGRILY TO ONTARIO PREMIER WILLIAM DAVIS' STATEMENT THAT ONTARIO WOULD NOT KEEP DOORS OPEN TO AN ECONOMIC UNION WITH AN INDEPENDENT QUEBEC. PREMIER, AFTER NOTING THAT NO POLITICIAN IS IN OFFICE FOREVER, SAID DAVIS WAS GOING AGAINST PUBLIC OPINION SURVEY WHICH LEVESQUE SAID SHOWS CANADIANS OUTSIDE QUEBEC ARE IN FAVOR OF NEGOTIATIONS CONCERNING ECONOMIC
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UNION. IF QUEBEC BECOMES INDEPENDENT, LEVESQUE CONCLUDED, ONTARIO BUSINESSMEN KNOW BETTER THAN TO ACCEPT DAVIS' POSITION.

3. COMMENT: LEVESQUE ATTACKED MCKEOUGH IN FRIENDLY SPIRIT OF SCORING POINTS IN FEDERALISM DEBATE. HOWEVER, HE REACTED BITTERLY TO DAVIS' REMARKS AS THE PQ'S ECONOMIC ASSOCIATION IDEA IS VITAL TO THEIR CHANCES OF WINNING A REFERENDUM. REMARKS SUCH AS

THOSE OF ONTARIO PREMIER COMPLICATE PQ'S TASK. LEVESQUE FELT
BETRAYED ON PERSONAL LEVEL AS WELL AS HE FELT THAT DAVIS HAD
PROMISED DURING HIS FEBRUARY VISIT TO QUEBEC CITY TO REFRAIN
FROM SUCH STATEMENTS.
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